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Applicants: Dallas et al.


Title: RETENTION SYSTEM FOR  
A HAND TOOL  
COMBINATION

Application No.: 10/715,890

Filing Date: 11/18/2003

Examiner: Hamilton, Isaac N.

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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[ X ] Reply and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113, 1.116 (12 pages).

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| Total Claims:   | 33                      | - | 34                     | = | 0                          | x | \$50.00  | = | \$0.00                   |
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If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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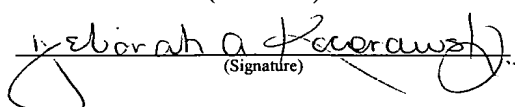
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113, 1.116**

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the second Advisory Action (dated December 2, 2005) and the first Advisory Action (dated October 28, 2005) and the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, concerning the above-identified patent Application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this document.